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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ON THE MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide special security arrangement for important cultural and religious places in the country; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the locations selected under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) While no formal scheme has been formulated, Archaeological Survey of India has deployed a mix of regular watch & ward staff of the ASI, private security guards and State Police personnel for security of 3667 centrally protected monuments. In addition, CISF personnel has been deployed at selected monuments.It is the constant endeavour of the ASI to maintain these monuments in good shape through structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development which are taken up as per requirements on site subject to availability of funds. Fencing of the protected areas has also been stepped up to prevent encroachments.